

## University students to get work experience

GLASGOW students will carry out work placements during university courses in a bid to boost their job prospects.

Glasgow, St Andrews and Glasgow Caledonian universities have signed up for a new pilot scheme aimed at making degrees more vocational.

Under the three-year trial, students on a range of courses – including maths, history, physics and psychology – will take part in work experience as part of their studies.

The scheme, backed by £1.2m from the Scottish Funding Council, aims to help students in purely academic courses adapt their skills to the world of work.

The programme could be rolled out across Scotland if it proves a success.

Professor Andrea Nolan, vice-principal of learning and teaching at Glasgow University, said: “The ultimate goal of the project is to give students a high-quality education and ensure they are as employable as possible.”

Meanwhile, figures show courses in key subjects such as languages and science are in decline in Scotland.

The University and College Union claims one in 10 maths and science courses and 15% of French courses have closed over the past decade.

